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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR BILL BROWN: I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THAT A CABLE APPARENTLY HAS GONE OUT RAISING THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR TAKING THE TAIPEI POST. IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU WERE GOING ON LEAVE AND WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO CONSIDER THIS POSSIBILITY UNTIL LATER. THE CABLE WAS ORIGINATED BY EA PERSONNEL, AFTER CONSULTING EA. I HAVE CHECKED WITH NOBLE AND EUR/EX WHO CITE 3FAM 698.91 AND ASSURE ME THAT THE CABLE SENT YOU IS NOT RPT NOT A NOTICE OF TRANSFER AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT PREVENT YOUR TAKING R&R. THEY NOTE THIS PROVISION HAS NEVER BEEN TESTED IN LAW. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT IF LATER A TRANSFER SHOULD OCCUR, AND IF THERE HAD BEEN A TEST IN LAW WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTED SOMEONE IN YOUR POSITION, A REVIEW OF PEUR R&R VOCHER MIGHT GIVE RISE TO A CLAIM AGAINST YOU  
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PERSONALLY FOR-THE COST INVOLVED.

2. RE MOSCOW 09323, HAVE YOU HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK BYRNES/MANDEL TRANSFER PLANS WITH BYRNES?

3. DEPARTMENT OF ARMY HAS ASKED US WHETHER WE WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THEIR INVITING SOVIET MILATT TO JOIN

AUTUMN ARMY ATTACHE TOUR, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALASKA.  
DOD/ISA RECALLS THAT EMBASSY OBJECTED TO PREVIOUS  
ATTEMPTS BY SOVS ATTACHES TO GO TO ALASKA, ON GROUNDS  
THAT WE SHOULD HOLD UP ON ALASKA TRIPS UNTIL THEY LET  
EMBASSY DAO'S TRAVEL TO VLADIVOSTOK. WE ARE INCLINED TO  
APPROVE IN THIS CASE, SINCE IT WOULD BE "GROUP TOUR", BUT  
SOLICIT YOUR THOUGHTS. VANCE

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